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Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly amended THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, by adding Section 6-1-160 so as to enact the “South Carolina Public Invocation Act” to allow a governing body to adopt a policy for an opening invocation before each meeting. The invocation must not promote nor disparage any one faith or belief.

Whereas, the act signifies the General Assembly’s belief that deliberate public bodies in the STATE may adopt policies that will permit public invocations in a constitutionally permissible fashion.

Now therefore,

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs on this date, October 16, 2008 during a regular monthly Commission Meeting adopted the following policy:

- (A) Permitting a public invocation at the beginning of monthly Commission Meetings as defined in Subsection (A) (1) of the South Carolina Public Invocation Act.
- (B) Allowing for an invocation to be offered on a voluntary, rotating basis by a commissioner.

This policy takes effect upon adoption by the SCDSN COMMISSION.

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